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1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL
FEBRUARY 27 CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR INFORMATION REPORTED
REFTEL RE TURKISH VERSION OF FEBRUARY AEGEAN TALKS IN
PARIS. ONLY NEW POINT IS THAT GREEKS MOVE AWAY FROM
"FINGERS" PROPOSAL OFFERED LAST JUNE TO A NEW "TRIANGLES"
APPROACH WHICH GIVES THE TURKS EVEN LESS. GOT IS
CONCERNED BY WHAT IT CALLS GREEK "RIGIDITY" AND
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BARGAINING TACTICS. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

2. DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL AT THE MFA ON
FEBRUARY 27 ON ANOTHER MATTER, MFA DIRGEN FOR MULTILATERAL
POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SELCUK KORKUD, VOLUNTEERED TO BRIEF
HIM ON THE RECENTLY COMPLETED AEGEAN TALKS IN PARIS.
KORKUD BEGAN, " I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE WERE SUBJECTED TO

ADDITIONAL RIGIDITY FROM THE GREEKS IN PARIS". HE CHARACTERIZED THE GREEKS' PROPOSALS AS A STEP BACKWARD FROM THOSE OF LAST JUNE.

3. KORKUD CONFIRMED THE NEGOTIATION SCENARIO OUTLINED REFTEL AND ADDED THAT THE FINAL GREEK PROPOSALS MOVED FROM "FINGERS" TO "TRIANGLES" EXTENDING OUT FROM TURKEY'S PRESENT TERRITORIAL SEA. KORDUD CHARACTERIZED THE GREEK "TRIANGLES" IDEA, TOGETHER WITH THE PROPOSAL ON PRIORITY RIGHT TO PURCHASE AT CURRENT WORLD PRICES DIFFERENCES IN PRODUCTION, AS "UNREALISTIC".

4. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KORKUD WHAT FUTURE HE FORESEES FOR THE AEGEAN NEGOTIATIONS. KORKUD QUICKLY RESPONDED THAT ONLY THROUGH MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CAN THERE BE A SETTLEMENT. HE COMMENTED THAT, REGRETTABLY, THE TALKS ARE CONTINUING WITHOUT RESULT.

5. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER THE GOT MIGHT CONSIDER A RESORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ), KORDUD NOTED THAT TURKEY BELIEVES THE INVOLVEMENT OF A THIRD PARTY COULD INFRINGE ON IMPORTANT NATIONAL INTERESTS AND TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY. HE ADDED, "WE CANNOT LEAVE IMPORTANT DECISIONS TO THIRD PARTIES". IN GENERAL, HE CONCLUDED, NEGOTIATING PARTIES CONSIDER A RESORT TO THE ICJ ONLY WHEN THE OUTLINE OF A SOLUTION IS CONFIDENTIAL

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BECOMING CLEAR AND THERE ARE A FEW, TOUGH AREAS LEFT FOR RESOLUTION.
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